

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 700

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A RESOLUTION to name a bridge in Marshall County in honor of the late Tim Mealer.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor the memory of those exemplary public servants who, during their lifetime, contributed significantly to the growth and prosperity of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, no Tennessean is more deserving of this honor than the late Tim Mealer, who was an important contributor to the well-being and prosperity of his hometown of Lewisburg; and

WHEREAS, a native and lifelong resident of Marshall County, Mr. Mealer was the son of the late D.J. Mealer and Mrs. Virginia Darnell Mealer Bills; and

WHEREAS, Tim Mealer excelled in business as the partial owner and operator of the family-owned business, Mealer Trucking LLC; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mealer lost an extended battle with cancer and succumbed to an untimely death at the age of fifty-one on November 10, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Tim Mealer was a loving husband, father, brother, and son who touched the lives of many people during his all too brief time on earth, and he will be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him; and

WHEREAS, as a businessman and family man, Tim Mealer stood as an example of the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that a certain bridge in his home county should bear the honorable name of Tim Mealer, as requested by the Board of Marshall County Commissioners; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that the bridge spanning the L&N Railroad on State Route 11 (North Ellington Parkway) in Marshall County is hereby designated the "Tim Mealer Memorial Bridge" as a lasting tribute to a singular public servant and even more accomplished human being.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the department of transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating the bridge described in the first resolving clause as the "Tim Mealer Memorial Bridge".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this act shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the commissioner of transportation in writing that the provisions of this act shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this act shall become operative only if the cost of the manufacture and installation of such signs is paid to the department of transportation from non-state funds within one (1) year of the effective date of this act. Such payment shall be made prior to any expenditure by the state for the manufacture or installation of such signs. The department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to the person or entity paying for such signs within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, an amount equal to the difference in such costs shall be remitted to the department in non-state funds within thirty (30) days of the sponsoring person or entity receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the commissioner of transportation.